



BURWOOD
ANZAC
COMMEMORATION

Lest we forget

FRIDAY 25 APRIL 2025

Commemoration March: 6:00am, Church Street, Burwood

Dawn Service: 6:30am, Burwood War Memorial Arch



CLUB *B* BURWOOD RSL



Cr John Faker

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF BURWOOD: CR. JOHN FAKER

Today, on the 110th anniversary of the landing of Australian and New Zealand soldiers at Gallipoli, I welcome you to Burwood Park. We gather together to honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defence of our great country, and to remember a pivotal moment in our history.

This morning's ANZAC Commemorative Service invites all attending to take a moment to honour and pay respects to those who have served in Australia's armed forces, those who continue to serve, and those who have lost their lives. We recognise that their sacrifice has paved the way for the freedoms we cherish today.

The values shown by our ANZACs – loyalty, selflessness, bravery, and courage – are ones that I ask you to reflect on today, and carry forward in your own lives. In times of challenge, these very qualities guide us as individuals and as a community.

A special thanks to all who have contributed to today's ceremony, including the Burwood ANZAC Committee, Club Burwood RSL, the Burwood RSL Sub-Branch, local schools, churches and Council. It is through these efforts that the spirit of ANZAC continues to live on, ensuring that future generations never forget the sacrifices made.

LEST WE FORGET

Cr. John Faker
Mayor of Burwood



Deborah Shepherd

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF BURWOOD RSL SUB-BRANCH: CAPTAIN DEBORAH SHEPHERD (RET'D)

This year marks 110 years since the landing at Gallipoli. Today we honour the bravery, sacrifice, and resilience of those who served during the campaign.

ANZAC Day was established to honour those who served and gave their lives in the Great War. Some 2,000 Australians were killed or wounded in Gallipoli on 25 April, 110 years ago. ANZAC Day also honours Australian troops who have answered the call to serve Australia and as such, has evolved into a day of remembrance for all who have served and sacrificed their lives in conflicts that Australia has participated in.

Burwood Council, in conjunction with Club Burwood RSL and our local Burwood RSL Sub-Branch, pay tribute to our heroes, which keeps the spirit of remembrance alive.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, please spare a moment to remember those who have served in Australia's armed forces, those who continue to serve and those who have been impacted by their service or lost their lives.

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Deborah Shepherd

President, Burwood RSL Sub-Branch





GUEST SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY: JUDGE DOUG HUMPHREYS CSC OAM

Judge Doug Humphreys is a Judge of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2). Judge Humphreys is also the Patron of the Burwood RSL Sub-Branch.

Prior to his appointment to the Court, Judge Humphreys was President of the NSW Law Society in 2018. He has held other statutory appointments including 7 years as Principal Member of the Veterans Review Board, and 8 years as Principal Registrar and CEO of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. From 1984 to 2003, Judge Humphreys worked for the NSW Legal Aid Commission, including 10 years as the Director of the Criminal Law Division of the Commission.

Judge Humphreys has been a member of the Australian Army Reserve since 1976 as a soldier. He was commissioned into The Royal Australian Infantry Corps in 1979. Judge Humphreys currently holds the rank of Colonel in the Australian Army Legal Corps. He is currently posted as a Legal Consultant and

is allocated to the Office of the Inspector General of the Australian Defence Force, where he provides a wide range of advice in relation to discipline and administrative law matters, particularly sensitive personnel matters.

Judge Humphreys was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to a range of legal organisations.

In 2023, Judge Humphreys was also awarded a Conspicuous Service Cross for outstanding devotion to duty as Panel Leader of the NSW Army Reserve Legal Panel and Senior Reserve Officer Army Command Support Legal Panel.

At today's Dawn Service, he will provide his thoughts and impressions on attending the Dawn Service at ANZAC Cove in 2024.

ORDER OF SERVICE

6:30AM DAWN SERVICE

Burwood War Memorial Arch, Burwood Park

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Mr. Jim Batch Burwood RSL Sub-Branch

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mr. Tommaso Briscese
General Manager,
Burwood Council

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Dilan Jayasinghe
Senior Pastor, Baptist
Community Church
Burwood

ANZAC PROLOGUE

Mr. Graham Green
President, Club
Burwood RSL

WELCOME ADDRESS

Cr. John Faker
Mayor of Burwood

POEM READING

Marie Bashir Public School

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dilan Jayasinghe
Senior Pastor, Baptist
Community Church
Burwood

HYMN: ABIDE WITH ME

Riverwood Hornets
Cadet Unit accompanied
by the Salvation Army
Burwood Corps Choir

POEM READING

Holy Innocents' Catholic
Primary School Croydon

COMMEMORATIVE ADDRESS

Judge Doug Humphreys
CSC OAM

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

Burwood RSL Sub-Branch
Pipes & Drums

POEM READING

Croydon Park
Public School

THE ODE OF REMEMBRANCE

Ms. Deborah Shepherd
President, Burwood RSL
Sub-Branch

THE LAST POST & FLAG CEREMONY

Mr. Liam McRae

ONE-MINUTE SILENCE

REVEILLE

Mr. Liam McRae

LET US MAKE COMMEMORATION OF THE FALLEN

Rev. Dilan Jayasinghe
Senior Pastor, Baptist
Community Church
Burwood

SONG: THE RECESSIONAL

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BENEDICTION

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GOD DEFEND NEW ZEALAND

Riverwood Hornets
Cadet Unit accompanied
by Leonie and Lily Jackson

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR

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SERVICE CLOSE/ AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE FLYOVER

Mr. Andrew Anderson
CEO, Club Burwood RSL

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GENERAL MANAGER, BURWOOD COUNCIL

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

REV. DILAN JAYASINGHE
SENIOR PASTOR, BAPTIST COMMUNITY CHURCH BURWOOD

God, our Father, hear the prayers of your people as we plead for peace in our world. For the peace we have received, we thank and honour you. May we ever be reminded of the legacy of courage, dedication, and determination bestowed upon us by our ancestors and our brothers and sisters of New Zealand.

As we remember this enduring friendship, we are reminded to strive after the same principles of peace, justice, and freedom for all in our time.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ANZAC PROLOGUE

MR. GRAHAM GREEN
PRESIDENT, CLUB BURWOOD RSL

WELCOME ADDRESS

CR. JOHN FAKER
MAYOR OF BURWOOD

POEM READING

MARIE BASHIR PUBLIC SCHOOL

THE LORD'S PRAYER: OUR FATHER

REV. DILAN JAYASINGHE
SENIOR PASTOR, BAPTIST COMMUNITY CHURCH BURWOOD

Please join in the Lord's prayer.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. **Amen.**



HYMN: ABIDE WITH ME

RIVERWOOD HORNETS CADET UNIT ACCOMPANIED BY
THE SALVATION ARMY BURWOOD CORPS CHOIR

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide;
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

POEM READING: THE SOUL OF AUSTRALIA

HOLY INNOCENTS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CROYDON

COMMEMORATIVE ADDRESS

JUDGE DOUG HUMPHREYS CSC OAM

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

BURWOOD RSL SUB-BRANCH PIPES AND DRUMS

POEM READING: NOT A HERO

CROYDON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

THE ODE OF REMEMBRANCE

MS. DEBORAH SHEPHERD

(Please stand)

Their glory shall never die,
The whole wide world is their sepulchre
Their epitaphs are written upon the hearts of mankind
And whenever there is talk of noble deeds
Their names will be held in grateful remembrance.
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

We will remember them. (Repeat together)

Lest we forget

Lest we forget. (Repeat together)

THE LAST POST & FLAG CEREMONY

MR. LIAM MCRAE

(ONE-MINUTE SILENCE)

REVEILLE

MR. LIAM MCRAE

(Please be seated)

LET US MAKE COMMEMORATION OF THE FALLEN

REV. DILAN JAYASINGHE
SENIOR PASTOR, BAPTIST COMMUNITY CHURCH BURWOOD

Loving Father, we remember, celebrate, and pray for those
who have died in the service of our nation.

Lest we forget.

We remember those who still grieve for them and ask
for them the gift of consolation.

Lest we forget.

We remember the legacy of our diggers and may it continue
to inspire our thoughts and deeds.

Lest we forget.

We remember the indomitable courage of the soldiers of New Zealand.

Lest we forget.

We remember the steadfastness of the people of Turkey.

Lest we forget.

We pray for lasting peace for the peoples of Ukraine and the Middle East.

Lest we forget.

Amen.

SONG: THE RECESSIONAL

**RIVERWOOD HORNETS CADET UNIT ACCOMPANIED BY
THE SALVATION ARMY BURWOOD CORPS CHOIR**

God of our fathers, known of old
Lord of our far-flung battle-line,
Beneath whose awful Hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine-
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget – lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies;
The Captains and the Kings depart;
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget – lest we forget!

BENEDICTION

REV. DILAN JAYASINGHE
SENIOR PASTOR, BAPTIST COMMUNITY CHURCH BURWOOD

Bow your heads and ask for the Father's blessing.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

Amen.

May He turn His face towards you and be gracious to you.

Amen.

May the eternal peace of God, Our Father, be with us all.

Amen.

NATIONAL ANTHEM: GOD DEFEND NEW ZEALAND

RIVERWOOD HORNETS CADET UNIT
ACCOMPANIED BY LEONIE AND LILY JACKSON

(Please stand)

E Ihowā Atua,
O ngā iwi mātou rā
Āta whakarangona;
Me aroha noa
Kia hua ko te pai;
Kia tau tō atawhai;
Manaakitia mai
Aotearoa

God of Nations at Thy feet,
In the bonds of love we meet,
Hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.
Guard Pacific's triple star
From the shafts of strife and war,
Make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand.

NATIONAL ANTHEM: ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR

RIVERWOOD HORNETS CADET UNIT ACCOMPANIED BY THE SALVATION ARMY BURWOOD CORPS CHOIR

Australians all let us rejoice, For we are one and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

(Please be seated)

SERVICE CLOSE/ AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE FLYOVER

MR. ANDREW ANDERSON, CEO OF CLUB BURWOOD RSL

Thank you for your attendance.
You are invited to attend the ANZAC Day breakfast at
Club Burwood RSL from 8.00am and a special ANZAC Day Mass
at St Joseph's Enfield at 9.15am.

WHAT IS ANZAC DAY?

ANZAC Day, 25 April, is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during WW1. ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as ANZACs, and the pride they took in that name endures to this day.

WHY IS THIS DAY SPECIAL TO AUSTRALIANS?

When war broke out in 1914, Australia had been a federated nation for only 13 years, and its Government was eager to establish a reputation among the nations of the world. When Britain declared war in August 1914, Australia was automatically placed on the side of the Commonwealth.

In 1915, Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli Peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. The ultimate objective was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul), the capital of the Ottoman Empire, an ally of Germany.

The Australian and New Zealand forces landed on Gallipoli on 25 April 1914, meeting fierce resistance from the Turkish defenders. What had been planned

as a bold stroke to knock Türkiye out of the war quickly became a stalemate, and the campaign dragged on for eight months.

At the end of 1915, the allied forces were evacuated from the peninsula, with both sides having suffered heavy casualties, enduring great hardships. More than 8,000 Australian soldiers died in the campaign. Gallipoli had a profound impact on Australians at home, and 25 April soon became the day



ANZACs departing Albany in 1914
Photo credit: News Corp Australia

What is ANZAC Day? continued

on which Australians remembered the sacrifice of those who died in the war. Although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives, the actions of Australian and New Zealand forces during the campaign left a powerful legacy. What became known as the “ANZAC legend” became an important part of the identity of both nations, shaping the ways in which they viewed both their past and their future.

EARLY COMMEMORATIONS

In 1916, the first ANZAC Day commemorations were held on 25 April. The day was marked by a wide variety of ceremonies and services across Australia, a march through London, and

a sports day in the Australian camp in Egypt. In London, more than 2,000 Australian and New Zealand troops marched through the streets; a London newspaper headline dubbed them “the knights of Gallipoli”.

Marches were held all over Australia; in Sydney convoys of cars carried soldiers wounded on Gallipoli and their nurses. For the remaining years of the war ANZAC Day was used as an occasion for patriotic rallies and recruiting campaigns, and parades of serving members of the Australian Imperial Force were held in most cities.

During the 1920s, ANZAC Day became established as a national



Recent peacekeeping missions
Photo credit: Australian Defence Force

day of commemoration. In 1927, for the first time, every state observed some form of public holiday on ANZAC Day. By the mid-1930s, all the rituals we now associate with the day – dawn vigils, marches, memorial services, reunions, two-up games – were firmly established as part of ANZAC Day culture.

Later, ANZAC Day also served to commemorate the lives of Australians who died in the Second World War, and in subsequent years, the meaning of the day has been further broadened to include those who lost their lives in all the military and peacekeeping operations in which Australia has been involved.

WHAT DOES ANZAC DAY MEAN TODAY?

Australians recognise 25 April as a day of national remembrance, which takes two forms. Commemorative services are held across the nation at dawn – the time of the original landing, while later in the day, former servicemen and servicewomen meet to take part in marches through the country's major cities and in many smaller centres. Commemorative ceremonies are more formal, and are held at war memorials around the country. In these ways, ANZAC Day is a time at which Australians reflect on the many different meanings of war, honour those who have served and recognise those currently serving.



Recent peacekeeping missions
Photo credit: Australian Defence Force

THE BUGLER FROM BURWOOD

The story of Leonard Francis Hall, 9 May 1897 – 24 February 1999

Leonard Francis Hall was born in Burwood on 9 May 1897 and was part of the celebrated 10th Light Horse Regiment which included some of the best riders in the world.

Hall enlisted in the First Australian Imperial Force in 1915 after the Major of the Light Horse Regiment heard him play the bugle and begged him to join as their regiment did not have a bugler.

As Hall boarded the boat to the Great War with his bugle in hand, that he would not play again, he plucked an emu plume from his slouch hat and placed it into the hands of a girl waving in the crowd.

When Hall landed at Gallipoli in the former Ottoman Empire he was the lead machine-gunner in the impossible assault of the Battle of Nek. This was the worst battle of the Gallipoli campaign with 879 of his fellow diggers killed.

After evacuating the Gallipoli Peninsula, Hall fought in the Battle of Beersheba in Ottoman Syria in 1917 where he was injured by a bomb which killed nine out of his 14-man crew and his horse, Q6.

The courage he exhibited during this campaign saw him picked by Thomas Edward Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia) to help the British Empire in the Capture of Damascus in 1918.

Hall returned to Australia in 1919 and was met by a woman who said, “Excuse me sir, would you like your plume back?” Hall married his feather caretaker two years later and they had two children.

Leonard Francis Hall died in Perth in 24 February 1999, aged 101 years, after living a life of perseverance, strength and heroism.





BURWOOD CROSSES INSTALLATION

For the 2025 ANZAC Day Dawn Service, Scouts from the Canterbury Vale District were honoured to be invited to install the Burwood Crosses installation. First created for ANZAC Day 2024, this installation features 960 hand-painted crosses, each representing a fallen soldier listed on the Memorial Arch. The Scouts worked alongside artist Michael Black in a series of workshops to bring this poignant tribute to life.

Scouts ranging from 6 to 16 years old, along with their leaders, parents,



and volunteers, were involved in every step of the project. They measured and planned the layout at Burwood Park, selected and cut the timber, assembled the crosses and stands and then painted and decorated each cross. The installation was carefully arranged in Burwood Park around the Burwood Bugler as a symbol of remembrance.

This project offered local Scouts the chance to engage in meaningful community service, helping them

grow as responsible citizens and active members of their community. It was a valuable learning experience that will stay with them forever, allowing them to uphold the values of the Scout Promise and live by the Scout Law.

A special thank you to Scouts and Burwood ANZAC Commemorative Service Committee for their support and encouragement throughout the project.

MLC SCHOOL CADET UNIT SWORD PRESENTATION

Three representatives from the Burwood RSL Sub-Branch made a special visit to MLC School last year: Dennis Quinlan, Secretary of the Sub-Branch; John Ainley, Drum Major of the Burwood Sub-Branch Pipes and Drums (in uniform); and Greg Flynn, the Sub-Branch Chaplain, dressed in the uniform of Principal Chaplain – Army (RC).



As part of the Senior School assembly, the Chaplain had the honour of presenting the Chaplain's Sword to the Senior Cadet Under Officer (in uniform). Before the presentation, a blessing was offered while the Cadet Under Officer held the sword. Following the blessing, the sword was formally presented. The Cadet Under Officer then executed a left turn and performed a sword

salute to the assembly, earning an enthusiastic response from the students.

The visit was also an opportunity to recognise and express gratitude to the MLC School Cadet Unit for their dedication and service to the community.

Congratulations to the MLC School Cadet Unit on their commitment and contributions.



BURWOOD ANZAC
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President, Ashfield RSL Sub-Branch

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Burwood Unit

Canterbury Vale
District Scout Group

Riverwood Hornets Cadet Unit

The Salvation Army Burwood
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Ms. Cassandra and
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Trinity Grammar School Army
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Pictured: ANZAC Day Dawn Service 2024